

ABSTRACT

An image forming apparatus includes an  
apparatus main assembly, and a process cartridge  
detachably mountable to the apparatus main assembly,  
5 including driving force receiving means to be  
connected to driving means of the apparatus main  
assembly and a noncontact memory for carrying out  
noncontact data communication with receiving means of  
the apparatus main assembly, wherein the apparatus  
10 main assembly performs rotational drive of the drive  
means before reading out data from the noncontact  
memory.

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